

# **CITY OF APALACHICOLA BUDGET COMMITTEE**

## **PREAMBLE:**

As reported by the Property Appraisal's Office projected for next year the City of Apalachicola will experience a 10.6 percent decline in the taxable value of property. This reduction is due in part to a sluggish real estate market and to legislation passed by voters aimed at reforming Florida's property tax codes. As we prepare for tough economic times ahead, we must adopt ways and means that ensure an open and transparent budget process and make certain that spending levels reflect current fiscal conditions.

## **OBJECTIVE:**

The creation of a Budget Committee comprised of four appointed volunteers and Frank Cook, Finance Commissioner. The appointees shall have strong backgrounds in finance and/or business. Two appointees shall serve for a two-year term and two for a four-year term. The committee shall activate and serve during the annual development of the City's budget.

## **ROLE OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE:**

The Budget Committee's role in this process will be to help assure that the City's budget and fiscal practices are in harmony with each other and with current economic conditions.

Specifically, the Budget Committee will:

- review last year's budget to actual income and expenses in all departments including grants, engineers etc.;
- review the limitations on revenue that have been established by the legislature and determine the net effect this will have on the City's revenues;
- review staff's recommendation for a 2008-09 budget;
- make recommendations to the city commission for a budget using the principle of "zero based budgeting" as a guide;
- and make any additional recommendations the committee thinks would improve the overall fiscal operation of the city.

**APPOINTEES**  
**City of Apalachicola Budget Committee**

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\*NOTE: The individuals listed here have consented to serve on the committee.

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